Prayer to Gaṇeśa

ॐ गणानां त्वा गणपतिं हवामहे कविं कवीनामुपमश्रवस्तमम् ।
ज्येष्ठराजं ब्रह्मणां ब्रह्मणस्पत आ नः शृण्वन्नूतिभिः सीद सादनम् ॥
वक्रतुण्ड महाकाय सूर्य कोटि समप्रभ ।
निर्विघ्नं कुरुमे देव सर्व कर्येषु सर्वदा ॥
सिद्धि बुद्धि शक्ति सहित श्रीमन्महागणादिपतये नमो नमः ।
निर्विघ्नं कुरु ॥

om gaṇānāṁ tvā gaṇapatiṁ havāmahe kaviṁ kavīnām upamaśravastamam,
jyeṣṭha rājaṁ brahmaṇāṁ brahmaṇas pata ā naḥ śṛṇvannūtibhiḥ sīda sādanam.
vakratuṇḍa mahākāya sūrya koṭi samaprabha,
nirvighnaṁ kuru me deva sarva karyeṣu sarvadā.
siddhi buddhi śakti sahita śrīman mahāgaṇādipataye namo namaḥ,
nirvighnaṁ kuru.

We offer oblations to you, Gaṇeśa, ruler of all Gods, you who are the most renowned of all wise ones, the most elder among high gods.

O, divine father of all wise ones, the leader of all gods, listening to our humble praise, may you come with your divine protective energies and sit among us to protect us and fulfill our sacrifice of learning.

With curved tusk, big body, and effulgence equal to a thousand suns, make me free of all obstructions, Oh deva, in all my duties and in every way.

Accomplished, intelligent, powerful friend, the lord of hosts, we bow to you. Make me free of all obstructions!

Prayer to Sarasvatī

या कुन्देन्दुतुषारहारधवला या शुभ्रवस्त्रावृता ।
या वीणावरदण्डमण्डितकरा या श्वेतपद्मासना ।
या ब्रह्माच्युतशङ्कर प्रभृतिभिर्देवैः सदा वन्दिता ।
सा मां पातु सरस्वती भगवती निःशेषजाड्यापहा ॥

yā kundendu tuṣāra hāra dhavalā yā śubhra vastrāvṛtā,
yā vīṇā varadaṇḍa maṇḍita karā yā śveta padmāsanā,
yā brahmācyuta śaṅkara prabhṛtibhir devaiḥ sadā vanditā,
sā mām pātu sarasvatī bhagavatī niḥ śeṣa jāḍyāpahā.

Oh, the white, delicate one, who is like a garland of dew drops on the moon; who wears a white garment; who plays a vīnā with ornamented hands, bestowing blessings with her gestures while sitting on a white lotus; who is always worshiped by Brahmā, Viṣṇu, and Śiva.

May that great goddess protect me and completely remove the ignorance and dullness from my consciousness.

Prayer to the Guru

गुरुर्ब्रह्मा गुरुर्विष्णुः गुरुर्देवो महेश्वरः ।
गुरुः साक्षात्परब्रह्म तस्मै श्री गुरवे नमः ॥

gurur brahmā gurur viṣṇur gurur devo maheśvaraḥ,
guruḥ sākṣāt para brahma tasmai śrī gurave namaḥ.

Salutations to the guru who is Brahmā, Viṣṇu, and Śiva, who is the manifestation of the Supreme Absolute itself. Salutations to that glorious guru.

Teacher Student Prayer

ॐ सह नाववतु । सह नौ भुनक्तु । सह वीर्यं करवावहै ।
तेजस्वि नावधीतमस्तु मा विद्विषावहै ।
ॐ शान्तिः शान्तिः शान्तिः ॥

oṁ saha nāvavatu saha nau bhunaktu,
saha vīryaṁ karavāvahai,
tejasvi nāvadhītam astu mā vidviṣāvahai,
om śāntiḥ śāntiḥ śāntiḥ.

Om, may we, teacher and student, be protected together; may we enjoy the fruits of our actions together; may we achieve strength together; may our knowledge be full of light; may we never have enmity for one another.
Om, peace, peace, peace.

Prayer to Gaṅgā

देवी सुरेश्वरी भगवती गङ्गे त्रिभुवनतारिणि तरलतरङ्गे ।
शङ्करमौलिविहारिणि विमले मम मतिरास्थां तव पदकमले ॥
भागीरथि सुखदायिनि मातस्तव जलमहिमा निगमे ख्यातः ।
नाहं जाने तव महिमानं पाहि कृपामयि मामज्ञानम् ॥

devī sureśvarī bhagavatī gaṅge tribhuvana tāriṇi tarala taraṅge,
śaṅkara mauli vihāriṇi vimale mama matirāstāṁ tava pada kamale.
bhāgīrathi sukhadāyini mātas tava jala mahimā nigame khyātaḥ,
nāhaṁ jāne tava mahimānaṁ pāhi kṛpāmayi mām ajñānam.

O, Goddess, stream of pure consciousness, flowing with inspiration; great Gaṅgā, whose shining wave of pure consciousness quickly flows over the three worlds; O, pure one who plays at the crown of Śiva s head, my mind is at home at your lotus feet.

She is the one who gives happiness; the Mother; the greatness of her waters is famous in the Vedas.

Bound in the snare of birth, I do not have the power to comprehend your greatness. Give me protection from my ignorance, O, you whose nature is compassion.